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The Five Papers

Lately past betwixt the Two

PHYSICIANS

Dr. O. and Dr. E.

Containing some Remarks, Pleasant and  
Profitable, concerning that Debate, And  
the Usefulness of VOMITING and  
PURGING in FEVERS.

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*Victrix causa Diis placuit, sed victa Catoni.*



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OR,

Some Remarks on the late Debate  
about the Usefulness of VOMIT-  
ING in *FEVERS*. &c.

**T**HO I have been much Solicited, to  
shew my Opinion, about the De-  
bate betwixt the two *Physicians*,  
concerning *Vomiting in Fevers*, in  
regard of its Affinity with the  
Practice of *Purging in Fevers*, which was  
maintain'd by me some years agoe, and vio-  
lently oppos'd by a certain *Club of Physi-  
cians*; I yet delay'd to give my Sentiments  
therein, until I should see whether the  
*Learn'd Colledge of Physicians* would inter-  
pose therein, and what would be their De-  
cision and Suffrage: For the Eyes of all  
Men were upon them, expecting that they  
would

would do something in it, whose Province it is, either to compesce or determine such Differences among their own Members, that the World might receive Satisfaction in these Controversies, which concern our Lives and Health ; But whether they consider not that it belongs to them, or that they know not what to do therein, I am ignorant: For there is neither any thing done that way, nor intended so far as I can learn : Thus in the great Concern of Life and Health, every one is left to his own Capricious Opinion, at Hap-hazard, to take up with what he pleases, without being beholden to them for Light and Direction in such important and intricate Concerns, what to follow or what not: As whether or not a Patient that has been made Vomit only with Whey, may be said to have been vomited by a *Physician*, and the Direction ought to be found upon the *Apothecarie's File* ; and whether a Vomiter being given by a *Physician* in a *Fever*, and the *Apothecarie's File* refer'd to; One would think it had rather been an *Antimonial Vomit*, than a Vomit of Whey. And whether after twice Vomiting of a Patient with



with Whey, and purging him with two lenient Potions, and two Clysters, may one Ounce of *Vomiting Wine*, with three drams of *Syrup of Buckthorn* be given the 9th day of a *Fever*? Or whether there be alwayes as much hazard in *Plentiful Purging*, as By-standers apprehend, who never were acquainted with the *Purging Method in Fevers*? And whether or not by the vain Fears of Friends and By-standers, a Faithful and Expert *Physician* may be blunder'd, and a good Method disgrac'd? And whether dallying and trifling with a *Fever*, tho less exceptionable, be not more dangerous, and often of more fatal consequence, than *Plentiful Purging*? And whither upon any extravagant Purging, the *Quieting Medicine* being a ready Remedy, since in the controverted Case it was not given till the *Ordinary's* return to the *Patient*; May it be thought there was no need of it before that time?

These I take to be the most material Points in this Debate, which seems to be handled with a little more Heat and Humour, than is consistent either with the Import of the Matter, or Dignity of the Mem-

Members of so Judicious a Society, who would be expected to treat all their Matters, and seek to advance the Improvement of Medicine, in Candor, Amity, and Peace.

Now, if I may lawfully interpose my Sentiments in these Matters, since the same has such Relation to the Debate about *Purging in Fevers*, wherein the rest of the *Physicians* being concerned either as immediat *Actors*, *Inciters*, or *Connivers*, so exercised me, that there passed betwixt us no fewer than eight Pieces in Print: Which terminat in another Sub-division of the *Colledge* it self, whereby they are now split into two halves, and parties, into *Guelphs* and *Gibellins*, which Rent still continuing, has of late broken out into this new Debate, whereupon there has passed five Peeeces.

However others may think of all this, my humble Opinion in the first place is, That this last Contest has made so plain, profitable, and pleasant a Discovery, that it may atone for the Scandal of all the former *Divisions*, *Animosities*, and *Ruptures*: Oblessed *Breach*, and happy and fortunat *Rent*! that has brought forth so much Light to *Medicine*, that does so far approve of the

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*Usefulness of Purging in Fevers*, as to allow of *Vomiting* therein also, as may be seen in the Papers on both sides; And as *ex malis moribus oriuntur bonæ leges*, *Ill manners beget good Laws*; So we may see *Debates*, *Divisions*, and *Differences* may bring profitable Things to Light, which would have been otherwise hid: As *Sampson* kill'd more *Philistines* at his Death, than in all his Life; So it may be hop'd that this *Division* and *Debate* may occasion the killing of more *Fevers* than their Concord either ever did, or in appearance would have done. And as the best Antidote for the Venom of the *Viper* is the *Viper's* flesh, so it is hop'd this wound may prove the true Cure of the virulent opposition this way of treating of *Fevers* has formerly met with.

And who would not rejoice to see such clear Light arise in Our *Horizon* of *Medicine*, as to behold the Credit and Authority of the *Sagacious Dr: Sydenham*, avouched and maintained, and his Judgement and Candor in his Writtings fully asserted by both Parties: And especially his method of Treating *Fevers* by *purging*, which had been too long and too much opposed by many.

ny in this place, to the unspeakable loss of *Medicine*, and *Detriment of Mankind*.

And tho Dr. Sydenham in his last work, his *Schedula monitoria*, only appoints purging in *Fevers*, and does not go the length of *Vomiting*. Those disputants seem so far to approve thereof, that both of them allow of giving *Vomits*, in some cases also; for which the Authority's brought by the One, seem to be needless, since it is not denied by the other party; But since these Authorities may make the Reader apprehend that the *Purging in Fevers*, is no new Method and Practice: and that it was in use before Dr. Sydenham's time. It is to be remarked, that *Purging* and *Vomiting* in *Fevers*, were used only now & then before his time, and as some Indications did Require, but were not used generally, or in great and dangerous *Fevers*, because the Commotion oft times raised by the Operation of the *Purgative* or *Vomitivæ*, did frequently Exasperat the *Fever*, which made the *Physician* often times Repent his use thereof; And so *Purging* and *Vomiting*, was wholly laid aside with us, and the Cure Committed to *Cooling ptisans*, *Emulsions*, *Clysters*, *Cor-*  
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*dial, Juleps, &c.* And that oft times with as litle Reason as Success: For the Disease going to a *Crisis*, the Patients Life was alwayes in hazard, because in every *Crisis*, Nature stands as it were Hovering and *In suspense*, as it were with an equal Balance, indifferent to Life or Death, which may be casten as with a grain, and he that suffers the Disease to go to a *Crisis*, does just as if he would throw the Dice upon his Patients Life: Whereas Dr: *Sydenham* considered that the Evacuation of the *Morbifick Matter*, did profitably intercept the *Crisis*, and was the thing indicated and required in the Cure of *Fevers*, and that it could be done by *Purging* & that any Commotion raised by the Operation of the *Purge* might be Commodiously allayed, by giving the *Paregorick*, *Pacifick*, or *Quieting Medicine*, and thus the *Morbifique* matter, might be *Evacuated*, and a *Hazardous Crisis*, profitably prevented, without any Supervening Commotion, or the Exasperating the *Fever*, whereby the Patient had the direct Benefit of the *Purging*, without the accidental and Noxious effect thereof.

And as there are two wayes of these *Fe-*

vers, so there are two several wayes of practising of this *Method*, for sometime these *Fever*s are more *Slow*, *Long*, and *Chronical* in their Motion and progress; And sometimes they are more *Rapid*, *quick* and *Peracute*, and come quickly to an end either to *Health* or *Death*; In the *Slow* and *Long Fever*. Gentle *Purges* Repeated at intervals are most Convenient, and there the quieting Medicine is Scarce needed: but in the quick and *Peracute Fevers*, sharpe *Purges* and *Vomiters* which work speedily, must without delay be given: For the *Slow* and *Lenitive Method*, in a *Peracute* and *quick Fever*, never stops its Course nor obviats its Carrier: And as this seems most reasonable and suitable to Experience, so it is very conform to the Practise of an Eminent Author Dr. *Panthot* President of the Colledge at *Lions*, who in a Book lately emitted by him, shews that as the frequent use of *Cordials*, in *Fevers* is very hurtful, because moving the *Humours* with a furious *Agitation*, they Drive them to the head. So he used only *Bleeding* and frequent *Purgatives* with a *Laxative Ptisan* taken several times a day, without delaying *Purging*, as *Hippocrates* teaches, to the end of the *Fever*

ver : And if *Dosings*, *Ravings*, *Convulsions* or any other Frightful Symptoms did arise, then *instantly*, and without *Hesitation*, he appoints *Emetique Wine* to be given, than which he knows not a better Remedy. And there is an Abstract of his Book to be seen in the *Miscellany Letters of the works of the Learned* Emittid at London May 1695.

Now as to the controverted case betwixt the two *Disputants*, If, Dr: O: when he came to the Patient, who was treated before only with gentle *Purgatives*, and found him under any pressing *Symptoms*, and the *Fever* growing, I humbly suppose he did not amiss, to give *Emetique Wine*, and in such a dose as the Patient cou'd bear. And to say the truth, the *doses* of *Emetique Wine* are very various, according to the Disposition of Patients, and their Easiness to be moved, some taking two ounces for a dose, and other only two drams.

And considering that upon any exorbitant effect of the *Purgative* or *Vomitiv*e, the *Pacifique* or *Quieting Medicine* is instantly to be given, and in regard in this case, it was not given till the *Ordinaries* return, we may construct in Charity that there was no need thereof



therebefore, and the Bystanders and Friends their apprehensions and fears about the patient might be groundless, they never having seen any in a *Fever* treated so, for the *Purgīng* method in *Fevers* had always been *Disguised* and *couched* by *Physicians*; and the Bystanders kept always in ignorance about it, (As witness some calling the effect of a *Purgative* quietly given, a Natural looseness which would carry off the *Disease*,) & if these Fears were improven by any upon sinisterous designs, they could not do a more wicked thing, that being the way to fright timorous People from the use of this profitable practise of purging in *Fevers*. And both Reason and Experience will shew to these that are acquainted with this way of Cure, that theres more Danger oft times in the neglect of plentiful *Evacuations*, than by the use of them, But as 'tis not good to overact a Cure, so it is not safe to Dally and trifle away time, which is sometimes very Precious, *Ocçasio præceps*, *Oportunitas Slip* and *Medio Tutissimus ibis*, the middle way is the Safest, But in my humble opinion a Patient that survived so great and so Plentiful *Evacuations*, would not probably have been



been cured without pretty considerable ones, and some more they *Dalling* and *Triffling* or *Couching* and *Dissembling* the method. But since our Disputants seem to be agreed about the substantials of this way of treating Fevers by *Purging* and *Vomiting*, Pray let them not squabble about the Circumstantial, and let them strive to out do on another in Effectual and Speedy Curing, without either over-acting the Method, or shooting short of it: And I can tell them from Experience, that its hard to be believed, how great *Evacuations* in many cases are not only tolerable, but also required in the Cure of *Fevers*, which we may the more freely venture upon, having the *Quieting Medicine* alwayes at hand, to check any Exorbitancy that way.

But by the by, it may be observed how pretty Divertising it is, notwithstanding the great Opposition made to this way of curing *Fevers*, to behold the Reception it now has, and to see persons at such Variance, yet substantially agree in this Practice, which is indeed no small Argument for it, like the *Jews* and *Christians*, who both agree to the Authority of the Old Testa-

Testament: And if we narrowly observe several *Physicians* Practice, we will see some may be catched stealing into this Practice, and some too Cavalierly marching into it, some like *Firrets* and *Moles* working under Ground, and some trolicking and vapouring it.

As it has been the Fate of all new discoveries, and Discoverers, to meet with opposition, and Contradiction, witness the opposition made to the Circulation of the Blood, and the Cure of *Agues* by the *Jesuits* Bark, no wonder this improvement of thus treating *Fevers*, should meet with the same Lot, especially when it Receded so much from the common Road, which treated them only with *Cooling Pissans*, *Emulsions*, *Clysters*, *Cordial Juleps*, &c. But when ever such improvements come to take place, *Physicians* either Juggle or Labour to Disguise them, or with more Resolution than Reason, strives who shall be fore-most therein, and extend them farthest, as was done with the *Jesuits Bark*, which was not only rashly used in all continual *Fevers*, but by some most Proposterously, to the Cure of most Diseases.

I hope then it will not be unpleasing, that I offer my humble Sentiments, in Relation to the Solution of this *Moral Phenomenon*, these strange appearances of the Actions of Men, in their *Opposing, Shifting, or Streaching* things at this Rate, to the great Detriment of *Medicine* in particular, and of Mankind in general.

In regard new *Discoveries* in *Medicine* appear not at first to every one so plain and clear, as to silence *Contradiction*, they are sure to meet with opposition from the weak and less *Perspicacious*, and with *Quibble* and *Cavil* from a Spirit of Detraction, in *Elder Physicians*, who are Jealous that new improvement *Derogate* from them, or their *Experience*, or that they are in hazard thereby to be reduced to the same level with younger *Physicians*, and be put to go to School again to learn a new, and with all they *abominate* any thing that may be in hazard to convict their former practise of Error or mistake; Tho such an error seems Venial untill the occasion of delivery from it appear, but the Mischief is, that the pride of Self-seeking Men is such, that before they will Acknowledge the least *Blemish* or Infirmity

firmity they will run the hazard of being the greatest *Criminals Under Covert*, not only by the Mischief they do by their own Contempt of such *Practical Improvements* but by their Example and Authority, drawing many younger *Physicians* after them, some following them out of *Reverence*, and others out of *Fear*.

But for the more full clearing this Matter, it would be considered, That as all Men may be divided into these four sorts, so *Physicians* are likewise divisible into as many kinds ----- The first sort are of these who have a great Stock of *Sense* and *Learning*; And withal, no less *Ingenuity* and *Candor*. The second sort are these who have much *Ingenuity* and *Honesty*, but little *Sense* and *Learning*. The third sort are these who have much *Sense*, &c. but little *Candor* and *Ingenuity*. The fourth are these who have little *Learning* and *Sense*, and as little *Ingenuity* and *Candor*.

For the first sort, as they will quickly discern, take up, and follow new Improvements, they will as readily own, maintain, and endeavour to propagate them.

For the second sort, tho they be long in dis-

discovering such *Improvements*, yet their *Honesty* makes them *Modest* and *Doubtful*, & keeps them from opposing them, waiting until their weakness comprehend them.

For the third sort, tho they quickly discern such *Improvements*, yet for *By respects*, and *Sinister Ends*, they are shy in falling in with them, or if they do it, they *Juggle* and *Dissemble* the Use of them, and labour to *disguise* them, in so much, that by their hidden and reserved following them, they are so straitned, that they never come to any Perfection in them.

For the fourth sort, as they are slow in taking them up, so they are long in owning them, after they take them up, and as they are the most constant, so they are the most violent Opposers of them, and always until it be a Scandal so to do, their Judgment taking as much time to be Convinced, as their *Honesty* to be engaged to own or Defend them.

And I may say of these two last Sorts, if they shall also be Curled with any considerable Degree of Credit or Reputation, to plague the World, and to hinder the Good of Mankind, by the propagation of such an

Improvement as this. (*For Fortune never bestows her Gifts so blindly as upon Physicians*) When ever such come to discern and follow it, unless they be past feeling, and have their Consciences wholly Seered, they will be affected with a Torrure and Remorse, proportionable to their guilt, and their accession to so many Deaths, as has been caused thorow their contempt of this *Method*, and that not only within the Verge of their own practice, but also within the Sphere of Activity of their Credit and *Authority*, which may perhaps be no small precinct to some, it being very plain that he that neglects the right way to cure his Patient, while it is in the power of Art to help him, is as guilty as he that directly maltreats him unto death.

And there is no *Physician* who rightly understands the import, weight, and intricacy of his Employment, and the great Charge lying on him to be accomplisht therein, so far as is possible for Study, Enquiry and Search to go, who will leave any stone unturned, to find out a more effectual cure of *Fevers*, than that which has been commonly used, by *Bleeding, Cooling*  
*Ptisans.*

*Ptisans, Emulsiions, Clysters, Cordial Juleps, &c.* which every *Apothecarys* Boy can by Rote tell, as perfectly as the Physician himself; And which can be made evident to do more hurt than good, beside the loss of time spent upon such trifling.

Now if every *Physician* would be pleased to Examine himself, and consider what his behaviour has been, in Relation to this *Improvement*, he may thereby know what place he may take in the foresaid *Scale*, for according to his *Approbation* or *Opposition* of this *Improvement*, his *Jugling, Shuffling* or *Plain dealing* therein, he must necessarily be ranked; But all Men may see, what place our two Disputants have, who notwithstanding of their Animosity and difference, do both in their practice and Writings, own and maintain Dr. *Sydenham* and his *Writings*, wherein he delivers this way of *Treating Fevers*, and they being of two different parties, *Guelphs* and *Gibellins*, we may also guess at the Sentiments of their Respective Associates.

So it is hoped now, no Physician in this place will any longer *Bogle* or *Scar* at this way of *Treating Fevers* or *Shuffle*



*Juggle*, or *Dissemble* it, to the Scandal of their Profession, the straitning of themselves, and the marring of their own and others accomplishment in this practice. For I am certainly informed, that the *Apothecaries* begin to practise it, with the greatest *Freedom* and *Success*; And One of them told me, that he has not only seen many others cured that way, but that also he himself was Cured of a most desperate *Fever*, by *Purging*: And that he was happily treated that way, by the Joint Advice of the *Physicians* who waited on him, and that at that time few *Physicians* approved of, or publickly owned that way.

And tho as both our *Disputants* remark, Dr *Sydenham* in his last work, the *Monitory Schedule*, only says, This Method is preferable to all others in very many kinds of *Fevers*, yet thereafter he told to my self, and to several others, that he doubted not, but it would agree with all *continual Fevers*, tho he did not think fit, to publish all that he thought of it, because it might derogat from some of his former Writings, and he judged it would never be left off, when once it came in use, because he doubted



not but it would be alwayes more succesful than any other way, and thorow all *constitutions* of years, and as he had practised it several years before the last Edition of the *Schedula* 1687; so I have practised it with the greatest success ever since, being 12 years: and a Cure that has holden so many years, it is not to be doubted but it will hold good alwayes, tho in difficult and dangerous Cases, it requires great *Care*, *Diligence* and *Caution*, and *Dexterity* therein, can only be acquired by *exact Attention* and *Consideration*, and due *Experience*; and this may be a Reason why some Physicians are unwilling to take up with it, as being averse to give the Attendance sometimes requisite in this Cure, and these who want Experience therein, can only bungle at it, and know not how to go thorow with it; For in difficult and dangerous Cases, like the Management of a Ship in a Storm, where the Master must not only always be at the *Helm*, but also be well acquainted with the way he ought to take; So it requires not only the *Physician* to be close at his *Post*, but likewise to be no Stranger to the Way he ought to take. And

especially in the Fevers that reign at  
 this time, which are most part *Quick* and  
*peracute*, and cut off in a few dayes persons  
 of impure Bodies: And as I have used this  
 Method by *Vomiting* and *Purging* in many,  
 and most successfullly, at this time, so I have  
 had lately considerable Experience thereof  
 in my own Family, *Wherein Four of my Chil-*  
*dren, and Ten Servants had the Fever*, and  
*blessed be GOD, all are Recovered*; By repea-  
 ted *Vomiting*, with *Antimonial Vomits*, and  
 frequent *Purgings*; Except two Servants,  
 the one having gotten a great Stress at  
 work, who bragging of his strength, did  
 contend with his Neighbour at the *Mowing*  
 of Hay, and presently sickned, and died  
 the *sixth* day, and whom I saw not till  
 the day before he dyed, and found him in  
 such a condition, that I could not give  
 him either *Vomite* or *Purge*; and the other  
 was his Neighbour who strove with him,  
 being a Man of a most *Impure* and *Emaciate*  
 Body, who had endured want and Stress  
 before he came to my Service, and who  
 got not all was necessary, because he had  
 not the occasion of due Attendance, all  
 my Servants being sick at the time, And

as both my *Children* and *Servants* that recovered, were *Vomited* several times with *Antimonial Vomits*, besides frequent *Purg- ing*. so it was astonishing, to consider the quantity & Corruption, & Virulency of the Matter *Vomited* up by them, and as I have in this matter sincerely told the Truth, which is also for the most part nottour in the place: So every one may judge how Malitious the Reports industriously spread abroad of me, Are, *Viz.* That seven of my *Servants* are lately Dead in *Fevers*, under this Cure. Whereas tho I have kept *Servants* near these Thirty years, Except these two, I had never any before that Dyed in my Service, tho the *Fever* has several times before been in my Family, and among my *Servants* and *Children*. I hope the Reader will not think this Digression altogether impertinent, or out of Vanity, since it is both for my own Just and Necessary Vindication, and the defence of this profitable *Practice*.

Yea I hope I might be also allowed to say something now also by the by, about other Calumnies and Slanders raised, and Propagate against me about the cure of the  
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re: Gout, Especially by a certain Person  
 who keeps a *Publick-house*, and whom I  
 served most diligently, without any other  
 Gratification, but Slander & Back-biting, for  
 the Errors committed most unreasonably  
 by the Patient, and which slanders some  
*Physicians* also take pleasure to Trumpet a-  
 broad, tho many other *Gentlemen* may  
 from their Experience testify the help I  
 have given them in that Disease, if they  
 please; And the *Balsome* I use, therein is the  
 same with that used at *London*, & aproven by  
 30 Members of the *Colledge* of *Physicians*  
 there, as has been frequently mentioned in  
 the *Gazette*; But of this enough at this  
 time; Another time if there be any more  
 Reason for it, may do as well, and *verbum*  
*Sapienti sat est*, a word is enough to a wise  
 Man.

But to return to the purpose, it is further  
 to be remarked that as Persons of *impure*  
 Bodys and abounding with *vitious humours*  
 are most subject to these *Epidemical Fevers*,  
 so they are in most peril thereby, where-  
 fore all such Persons would be admonished,  
 that by the Advice an able *Physician*, in  
 such an *Epidemical* time, they would make  
 use

use of fit means for *Prevention*, whereby they may either escape the *Fever*, or if they be seised, it may thereby prove more *Benigne* and easily curable, and among all the remedies for *Prevention*, as well as for cure, I know none more effectual as is mentioned in the Letter insert in Dr. Os. last peice than *Antimonial Vomits*, which notwithstanding the fear some People have of them, may be so ordered, that they will work with as much security and ease, as a *Purgative Medicine*, and such Vomits not only prepare, and open the way, for the more effectual operation of *Purges*, But also one *Vomit* has more effect, than two *Purges*; which is of considerable advantage in *Peracute* and *quick Fevers*, which still require a speedy remedy by *Evacuation*, and no *alteratives* or *Correctors* of vitious *Humors*, can so suddenly restore, and alter such a corrupt mass of *Humors*, as are usually evacuated in *Fevers* by such *Vomits*.

Now considering this whole matter, the Opposition this practise has met with, and progress it has made, (the full and clear History whereof, may perhaps hereafter be published for satisfaction of the curious,) it

is humbly proposed and referred to the serious consideration, of all Physicians, whether or not they ought to be very wary and tender in their behaviour, about the *Discoveries, Inventions* and *Experiences* of others, and whether or not they rather ought, to inquire, ponder, and Modestly be informed about them, than be rashly driven by a spirit of *Pride, Humour* and *Caprice*, to run them down by all their power, and all Younger Physicians especially, would be exhorted to beware whom they take for *Patrons* and *Examples*, for *ex quovis ligno non fit Mercurius*, the best Stock of Natural Sense and Learning being little enough for a Foundation to make a competent Physician; and without it, tho they grow old in *practise*, they will never acquire true Skill and Real Experience in this difficult, intricate, and important *Art*, and Fame, and Reputation more rarely accompanyes real Merit in this Faculty and Function, than in any other whatsoever. The Vulgar upon whose noise *Fame* depends, being more competent *Judges* in any thing, than in the *intrigues* of this hidden *Art*.

If some younger Physicians shall be pleased



sed here to enquire, since they have not *Experience* themselves, and that they must lean to the *Experience* of Others, how shall they discern the Men of Real *Experience*, true *Skil* and *Merit*; and distinguish them from Men of meer *Vogue* and *Fame*: For the Satisfaction of such, and as a mean to prevent their being initiated in the Errors and *Mistakes* of Others, which being once taken up, are not easily forgone. I hope I may be allowed to make a little Digression to admonish them, that they ought to be very cautious how they are led by the *Dictates* and *Sentiments* of these three or four sorts, whatever *Vogue* and *Reputation* they have. The first are these, who by driving the *Trade of Commeradship*, *Good Fellowship*, and *Bar-Companionrie* have gotten many Familiars and Acquaintance. who will cry them up for great Physicians, for all know how generally acceptable such Conversation is, and what a Noise so many Mouths well run'd up this way make.

The second Sort are, These who are *High flowne* or *bigotted* to a *Party*, either in *Religion* or *State*, and these who make more than an Ordinary *Semblance* and shew

of *Probity*, whether *Real*, or *Affected* only I will not determine; but the Opinion of a *Goodman*, a *Man of Probity* or *Integrity*, tho they also know him to be a very *weak man*, goes a great way with the *Vulgar* to make a good *Physician*; especially the *Vulgar* of the *Respective Parties* they are of.

The third *Sort* are, These interested in some great *Families*, as having been *Domesticks*, &c. Or otherwise concerned therein, and who thereby come to *Reputation*, Great Persons being called *Gods*, no wonder they aim at *Creation*, and the making *Men* out of *Nothing*, and in no *Faculty* such an *Exploit* as this seems so easie, as in *Physick*. There is also a fourth *sort*, that by a *Gentle mean* screw themselves into Peoples *Liking* and *Familiarity*. or by a *Facetious Conversation*, by making *Sports*, and by telling little *quirck knacks* and *Mimical-Stories*, to divert whereby they gain the Opinion of being thought *Witty* and *fine Men*, while there is nothing *solid* or *profitable* to be found in their *Conversation*; but since the most part are more delighted with shows or with *vain and frothy Discourse*, than with what is *serious, solid, and useful*, and that *Fame* Buoyes up lighter things, letting the *weightier* fall to



the *bottom*, no wonder such be easily carried on the *Wings* of the Wind.

But to insist too much upon such things may be rather constructed an *Invective* against the *Elder*, than an Admonition to younger *Physicians*. Certain yet it is the profession must be fallen into a strange *Declination* and *Deliquium*, which makes it so much *Depretiated*, and *Vilipended*, that not only weak *Physicians*, but any either He or She, without Exception, come to be Trusted in the most *Intricate* and important concern of our *Lives* and *Health*, and that with, or before the most *Accomplished Physician*, yea, and without any other *Qualification*, but an impudent pretending to understand the thing, which is impossible for them to Comprehend, Whereas there is no thinking person, that makes a due Reflection upon the *Intricate*, *difficulty* and *Danger*, attending *Medicinal Practice*, that will think it so easy a thing, to have true *Experience* therein, tho every one Brags of their *Experience*. *Experience* being a Faculty or *Power* acquired by constant and serious *Observation*, whereby the *Physician* is able rightly to Father the given *Phenomena*, or Visible effects upon their proper,

no hidden Causes. And *felix qui potuit  
 rerum Cognoscere causas*, the linke betwixt  
 Cause and Effect, lyes often too deep for  
 vulgar Eyes to discover it. And Conse-  
 quently there is no Judicious Person but  
 must Confess, that there is none Capable  
 of any competent degree of Skill, or true Ex-  
 perience in this Art, who is not endued  
 with the most Extraordinary Enduements  
 of Mind, a most Penetrating Wit, an enla-  
 ged and most Comprehensive Genius, Cap-  
 able to Reach, View, & Ponder the State and  
 Concurrence of all Circumstances of things  
 and their Productive Capacities, relating to  
 Experience in Practice, a ready Wit to  
 Canvasse, and Examine, and a Solid and Sure  
 Wit, to make Happy-hits, and he that is Preg-  
 nant in Medicine, where ever he shal turn his  
 Eyes, whatever Object he Surveys, or subject,  
 he shall bend his Mind upon, by his Pregnancy  
 of Spirit, he will be Capable of making  
 therein the like clear Discoveries and Just  
 Hits. Solid and Sound Reasoning, makes  
 Solid and Sound Acting; Those that Clinch  
 and Quible, that Wrangle and Cavil in their  
 Reasonings, as all Weak-headed People do,  
 are apt to do so in Action and Practice,  
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about whatever Subject they medle. A great *General, Politician* or *Lawyer* would upon Application that way make a *Good Physician* and *vice versa*, a *Qualified Physician*, had he followed any of these *Studys*, would have been *Exquisite* therein; And as we may give the *preheminance* for *difficulty* and *Intricacy* to *Physick*, beyond all other *Studys*, so it is clear that *Physick* may be allowed to need the greatest *Pregnancy* of *Wit* and *Judgment* of any other *Studys*, and wherever the *Young Physician* sees not these in the *Physician* he followes; It is in vain for him to expect their *Real Accomplishment, True Skil, or Experience.*

The *Physician* not only being a *Moderator* of the secret works, and of the hid intrigues of *Nature*, but is also put upon the rack and hard task of *Governing* and *Disciplinating* Peoples *Humours, prejudices,* and *Caprices*, and has often more difficulty to grapple with these, than with the diseases of the body, yea not only the *Patients*, but the *Friends* and *By-standers* by their *mistakes* and *prejudices* must give him needless *Work* and *trouble*; But in this part of the *Employment*, the best *Physician*

most outdone by the *Weakest*, who is more  
 successfull herein, than the ablest, *Quia A-*  
*quila non captat Muscas*, the Eagle never catch-  
 eth Gnats, he that is taken up with, and most  
 Conversant in, the *Difficultys* and *Mysterys* of  
 that *Art*, and has his mind in *sublime*, to  
 him, it is tedious to stoop to the *Servile*  
*Trivial* and mean-work of crouching to e-  
 very *Coprice* and *lying* at *Catch* upon Peoples  
*Humors*, or *waiting* and *Watching* the *Tides*  
 and turns thereof; And this *Studying* and  
*Serving* Peoples *Humours*, has to the  
*Scandal* of the *Profession*, made some *Phy-*  
*sicians* forego the *Study* of *Nature*, and take  
 themselves to the *Study* and *Exercise* of *Pol-*  
*itick* complaisance, and *Sycophantish* *Humour-*  
*ing* Persons: not finding the true study,  
 and practice of *Physick*, able to recommend  
 them, and so instead of following *Medicinal*  
*Prudence*, to treat *Diseases* with due *Cir-*  
*cumspection*, *Caution* and *Art*, they follow  
 a kind of *Bastard* *prudence*, or rather *Arti-*  
*fice* and *Cunning*, to *Cajole* the *Humours*, and  
*strike* in with the *Fancies* and *Whimzies* of  
*Weak* persons, and *Young Physicians* would be  
 admonished that they follow not the *Ex-*  
*ample* of such.

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Thus as *Vulgar opinion Error and mistake* as given occasion to the *Deradence and Decay of Medicine*: So these vices ought not to be obtruded on the *Art of Physick*, being thus brought thereinto, Neither let the uncertainty or *Conjecturalness* thereof, be objected, since it is thus also made a great deal more so: than otherwise it would have been, Neither are the *Differences and Disagreement* among *Physitians* to the *Disparagement* of true *Medicine*, seeing vulgar errors, &c. has given too much occasion for these also.

Tho *Physick* of its own nature has no more *Uncertainty or Conjecturals* than these other noble and usefull *Professions* of *War, Law, Politicks, Navigations*: in all which the event can be no more predicted or ascertained than in *Physick*, and all that the *Artist* is Accomptable for, being the *Rational and Prudent conduct*, that nothing be *Overdone or Undone*, that was Possible to have been done; or that *Art and Skil* could suggest, nevertheless through the many *Diversions & discouragements* *Physitians* ly under, from *Vulgar Prejudice Errors and Mistaks*, the practise thereof is made a great deal more

both *Uncertain* and *Unsuccessful* then otherwise it would be. And for the *Debates* and *Differences* among *Physitians*, when they break the bonds of *Charity* and *Humanity*, they are only the faults of Men not of the *Art*, but when they are only in opinion, they are no more than whats incident to all other *Professions*, that are versant about particular *Events*, and pertinent debates are a token of great industry and of a laudable Emulation. And when Mens *Wits* are all of one *Size*, their *Penetration* and *Comprehension* of the same *Reach*, and their *Judgment* of the same *vigour*, then may we expect their *Opinions* shall *Jump*; And I doubt if the 15 *Lords* of *Session* are always *Unanimous* in there *Votes* & *Décisions* or if the *Council* of *state*, or a *Council* of *War* are all of one *Mind*, & yet no body takes occasion from that to disparage there procedure.

And for the most part, these *Differences* and *Debates* among *Physitians*, proceed from the *Pride*, *Self-conceit* and *Envy* of some *Physitians*, whom *Vulgar* Opinion has mounted upon a *Higher* pinnacle of fame, and *Reputation*, than their true worth and *Merit*, can *Maintain* and *Support*, and whose  
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*Real Weaknes & Emptynes chaffes & rages to see any worthy thing done in Physick but in dependance upon them fearing they may be overtopped by others whom their Eminense used to look down upon, whereas the Ab: Candid and Honest Physician, will soon discern and Cordially welcome what is worthy in Medicine, from whomsoever it chanceth to come, but that which he thinks Futile & Trivial will nothing move him, nor will he ever make it the Ball of Contention, as some have most unmercifully done, by my sincere, tho weak Endeavours for the Advancement of Medicine. But Thanks be to GOD, who favouring my honest purposes, has helped me to weather out so many storms raised against me, for my plain Dealing about some Dismal Sinister and Self-seeking Designs, and some dangerous Vulgar Errors Prejudices and Caprices, such being of mischievous Consequence in Medicine, more than in any other Profession, as they are in Publick Societies, and Governments more than in private Cases.*

And tho the evil Spirit that raged against me, be not yet quite subdued and Conquered, yet I hope the Edge thereof is conside-



rably blunted; Providence having brought about some considerable things to discover my Innocency, and the Folly and Wickedness of these Secret Works, hatched so much in the dark to controul my Endeavours, that they can now scarce find a *Father* to own them, every one denying their Accession to the Lybels printed on the Subject, and shifting them from one to another, except one poor *Creature*, who, calling himself a *Stripling* aged 27 *Summers*, did most unhappily put his Name to his *Elaborat* six days *Work*: But this *Stripling* reckoning his Age by the *Summers*, as the *Horses* Age uses to be reckoned by the *Grass*, must needs be a Kin to that *Animal*, and it is no wonder, than if a *Young Colt*, has been more *fool-hardy* than the Rest.

Whoever shall narrowly view how things often go in the World, may be in a Horror to think that in many Cases there is no Convincing Men, that they are in the wrong Way, without the most lamentable and woful Experiences, & that so many Deaths, so much *Destruction* and irreparable Ruine, is sometimes needfull to open Mens Eyes, and the dearest bought Experience



to cure their *Blindness*, and that over the Belly of Some Zealous and constant *deavours*, to convince them of their *Mistakes* and *Errors*, as may be eminently seen in this Case, and I fear it be not the only Case.

He that takes upon him to be an *Author*, because he takes on him the Office of a *Preacher* to the World, according to the Opinion of some, he ought to have these 3 *Qualifications*. First, The *Courage* of a *Soldier*, to encounter and combat *Ignorance*, *Errors*, and *Caprices*, these *obstinate* Enemies of all *Vertue*, *Justice* and *Truth*. The 2<sup>d</sup>. The *Sense* and *Solidity* of a *Statesman*, that he cumber not the World with any thing *Trivial* or *unworthy*. The 3<sup>d</sup>. The *Sincerity* and *Integrity* of a *Dying Man*, that he impose nothing false, or *sophisticate* in point of *Fact* or *Reasoning*. And how my Performances in this, and my former *Essays*, have answered these *Qualifications*; I must submit to my Readers, who seeing they are not all alike capable, to the weakest sort of them I crave *Liberty* to propose these following *Considerations*, before they give their *Sentence*; as first, That they would be

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and to consider the strange *Schock* of  
 and *Universal Opposition*, I have had  
 the small assistance of any Man, as  
 my first Book, predict and expect.  
 2<sup>d</sup>ly, What *estimate* and *value* may be  
 upon my Subject, which is a more  
 usual way of treating these *Formidable*  
*Fevers*, which are a Terror to many *Persons*  
 and *Families*, and which now seems to have  
 the suffrage of the most discerning part of  
*Physicians* here.

But for the third Qualification, since it's  
 not so obvious to Men, I Bless GOD I have  
 clear Conscience that I never told any  
 thing but Truth in the Commendation, & in  
 Instances of the *Success* of this way of treating  
*Fevers*, and even from my very *Heart*  
 and *Soul*, and that by innumerable and re-  
 peated *Instances*, and Experiences these 12  
 Years confirmed.

Now in the next place, it is but Reason-  
 able I should whisper my Enemies in the  
 ear, how many of these *Qualifications* they  
 can make good to Vindicate their Be-  
 coming *Authors*, for I fear if their Read-  
 ers lay aside the *Cavilling* and quibbling  
 the *Bitter* and *Malitious* *Investives* and  
*Slandere*.

Blunders, there will be little left in the  
 Books, either Good or ill. I shall only give the Reader one of the  
 mildest *Bourds*, because they thought a  
*Master-piece of Wit*, and it is in the end of  
 their Dialogue thus, that they would not  
 allow me to come into the Rank of Au-  
 thors, with the *Infamous Tartareus*, who  
 wrote *de modo Cacandi*, because, say they,  
 with a Perverted Authority, *Mihi ex pe-  
 jori luto finxit præcordia Titan*, but whoe-  
 ver will take the Pains, to view the  
 whole of the Treatment in this matter  
 will, surely see it was not the Itch of Writ-  
 ing took these Men, it has been the Scab,  
 the Leprosie, and Botch of Writing, or  
 rather Scribbling and Blotting that seized  
 them; Such Blunders against any Man,  
 tho' only Verbal are Scandalous enough. But  
 if for well doing they are Divellish, as  
 being not only the brandeing the Innocent  
 but Truth and Righteousness it self.  
 But Committed to Print, they fix E-  
 ternally and indelibly the Blackest Stain on  
 the Author and Abettors, both in the  
 Eyes of God and Man, unless it be wip'd  
 off, as I pray it may be, by their sincere and  
 hearty

by Repentance. But let them know  
there is no true Repentance without a Pro-  
portionable Amendment, and endeavour  
Redemption of the Damage they have  
done the thing, not me, I mean.

*Non tollitur peccatum nisi restituatur  
ablatum.*

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